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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/691,618	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WILLIAMS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Erika Garrett	<b>Art Unit</b> 3636	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on amendment filed on 11/09/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 59,72,75-78 and 6364 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 59,63,65 and 72 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 64,66-71 and 75-78 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/09/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) The invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 64,66-67,70-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kain (6,550,862). In regards to claim 64, a base (16) having a seating surface; and an object holder (18) including a cavity (the open space of the 18) for receiving and holding an object; wherein the object holder is attached to the base such that the object holder is moveable in and out of the base between an extended (figure 3 &7), in use position and a fully retracted (figure 1), storage position; wherein the object holder is in the fully retracted, storage position, the object holder can be retracted no further into the base, and only a portion of the object holder is within the base, such that a first portion of the cavity remains extended from the base and a second portion of the cavity is retracted within the base; the child seat is configured for placement on a seat of the vehicle and the child seat has a belt patch configured to receive and locate relative to the child lapbelt of the restraint system, see figures 7-8. In regards to claim 66, wherein the object holder is slidably attached to the base. In regards to claim 67, the holder

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includes a extension (27) slidably connected to the base and positioned under the seating surface. In regards to claim 71, wherein the cavity is at a distal end of the extension.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 68-69 and 75-78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kain in view of Lancaster (5,876,007). Kain shows the use of all the claimed invention but fails to show the use of a second object holder. Lancaster teaches the use of a post (30) and second object holder (32). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the seat with a second object holder as taught by Lancaster, in order to hold more than one object.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 64,66-71 and 75-78 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


### ***Conclusion***


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika Garrett whose telephone number is 571-272-6859. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pete Cuomo can be reached on 571-272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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